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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Weir *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 10/021,237

EXAMINER: Bradley L. Sisson

FILING DATE: December 6, 2001

ART UNIT: 1634

FOR: PURIFICATION DEVICES COMPRISING IMMOBILIZED CAPTURE PROBES AND USES THEREFOR

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the June 25, 2004 Office Action pending in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 27, 2004 (December 25 and 26 being a holiday). A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26597-570CON. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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